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SUBJECT: LIBYAN BOYCOTT OF U.S. FLAG VESSELS

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1. LIBYAN BOYCOTT OF U.S. FLAG VESSELS REMAINS IN EFFECT.
IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT BAN IS PRESENTED AS PATRIOTIC
POLITICAL ACTION BY DOCKWORKERS WHO, LIKE ALL GROUPS IN
LIBYA, ARE UNDER POLITICAL CONTROL OF REGIME.

2. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT AT THIS TIME QUIET APPROACH
BY PRIVATE AMERICAN SHIPPING INTERESTS TO LIBYAN SHIPPERS
AND TRADE OR ECONOMIC OFFICIALS IS BEST WAY TO TRY TO HAVE
BAN LIFTED. IF PRUDENTIAL LINES COULD CONVINCE LIBYAN
CONTACTS THAT THERE WOULD BE BENEFITS FOR LIBYAN DEVELOP-
MENT PROJECTS AND ECONOMY (FASTER SERVICE, LOWER COSTS)
IF ITS SHIPS COULD CALL AT TRIPOLI AND BENGHAZI, IT IS
CONCEIVABLE BAN COULD BE BREACHED, INFORMALLY AT LEAST.
OIL EMBARGO AGAINST U.S. WAS LIFTED QUIETLY IN DECEMBER
BECAUSE IT SUITED LIBYAN INTERESTS. IT WOULD BE HOPED
THAT BY USG STAYING IN BACKGROUND POLITICAL ASPECT COULD
BE DE-EMPHASIZED.

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